

May 27, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Amendment of the Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice that it intends to file a waiver amendment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities (ID/RD) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver operated through the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN). The proposed effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2022.

The following is a summary of changes included in the proposed waiver amendment:

- SCDHHS is seeking to amend this waiver to raise payment rates for the following services: Personal Care I/II and Nursing.
- SCDHHS is seeking to make permanent the rate increases for Respite and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) previously implemented through a temporary Appendix K authority.
- Section 9817 of ARPA provides states with a temporary 10% increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid HCBS. This funding is intended to enhance, strengthen, and improve HCBS beyond what was available April 1, 2021. SCDHHS is amending the waiver to update the rate methodology to reflect that HCBS provider pay increases may be funded through the temporary 10% increased FMAP.
- SCDHHS is transitioning the ADHC transportation service to its Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) broker.
- Quality Assurance updates.

Communication:

Information regarding the proposed changes in the renewals will be shared with the public during the following webinar:

Webinar: ID/RD Waiver Amendment Webinar

- Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 3 p.m.
Registration link:
<https://scdhhs.webex.com/scdhhs/onstage/g.php?MTID=e222cda8be2f0958882103b18e305719b>



A copy of this notice and copies of the proposed waiver renewal document are available for public review at the following locations and websites:

1. Electronic access: www.scdhhs.gov (under “Public Notice” and “Waiver” sections)
 - SCDDSN website, www.ddsn.sc.gov
 - Family Connection of South Carolina website, <http://www.familyconnectionsc.org>
 - South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council website, www.scdcdc.state.sc.us
2. Hardcopies:
 - SCDHHS central office lobby: 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC, 29201
 - SCDHHS Community Long Term Care (CLTC) regional offices:

Greenville CLTC

620 North Main Street, Suite 300
Greenville, SC 29601

Florence CLTC

2701 Alex Lee Boulevard, Suite 200
Florence, SC 29506

Spartanburg CLTC

101 North Pine Street, Suite 405
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Conway CLTC

1201 Creel Street
Conway, SC 29527

Greenwood CLTC

617 South Main Street
Greenwood, SC 29646

Charleston CLTC

4130 Faber Place Drive, Suite 303
North Charleston, SC 29405

Rock Hill CLTC

454 South Anderson Road, Suite 11
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Anderson CLTC

3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard,
Suite H
Anderson, SC 29625

Columbia CLTC

300 Arbor Lake Drive, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29223

Aiken CLTC

2361 S. Centennial Avenue
Building 2, Suite B
Aiken, SC 29803

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191 Regional Parkway, Building A
Orangeburg, SC 29118

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10175 South Jacob Smart Boulevard
Ridgeland, SC 29936

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30 Wesmark Court
Sumter, SC 29150

Public Comments and Responses:

If you have a question or comment, please send it to the following email or mailing address prior to 5 p.m. June 27, 2022:

Email: comments@scdhhs.gov

Mail: Attention: Michelle Abney
Office of Waiver and Facility Services
SCDHHS
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Office of Waiver and Facility Services, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201 from Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Robert M. Kerr
Director

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